









**A MEETING** of Hongkong residents was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, which had been called by circular signed by the Hon. C. P. Chater and Mr. T. Jackson, to consider the form of farewell to be given to H. E. Sir William Robinson on his approaching departure. Sir John Carrington was voted to the chair. It being understood, indirectly, that a banquet would not be agreeable to His Excellency, a proposal was made by Mr. Jackson that the Governor be presented with an address. A suggestion was made that the address should be accompanied by a piece of plate, but it was pointed out by the Chairman that under the Colonial Office regulations a Governor was not permitted to accept any valuable present, and that even when leaving the Colony or the Service the prohibition held good. A further suggestion was then made by Mr. Ede that an album of photographic views should be offered for His Excellency's acceptance, as it was thought that this would not be held to come within the prohibition of the regulation. This suggestion was unanimously adopted, together with the original proposition. The gentlemen present then formed themselves into a committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of approaching His Excellency on the subject, and of giving effect to the resolution. A sub-committee representative of the various nationalities in the community was then appointed to prepare the address and album.

The gentlemen present, who form the Committee (with power to add, were:—Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Messrs E. P. Bellis, C.M.G., J. Thurburn, Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., F. Henderson, T. Jackson, R. C. Wilcox, G. de Champeaux, G. Stewart, N. J. Bide, St. C. Michelson, A. J. Raymond, Hon. W. Y. K. Ho, Dr. Ho Kai, Hart Buck, D. R. Crawford, R. M. Moss, N. A. Siebs, C. Beurnmann, H. N. Mody, G. C. Cox, H. Smith, G. M. Bain, V. H. Deacon, and R. M. Gray.

We hear that, in addition to the movement above referred to, the members of the Civil Service are taking steps to prepare an address for presentation to the Governor, on the occasion of his departure from the Colony and of his retirement from the Colonial Service.

This prospect of enduring cold weather in the northern latitudes caused considerable discomfort among the crew of the new Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Tamba Maru*, which arrived here on Sunday morning, and yesterday morning, at eight o'clock the crew of 46 lascars intimated to the captain their intention not to proceed any further north in the vessel.

Captain H. Barnes, therefore, hoisted the Polar flag, and selecting four of the crew he handed them over to the care of the Police. At the Magistrate's day, the Captain stated the four prisoners were the ringleaders in the disturbance. They joined his ship in Glasgow, in the middle of October, having been transferred from the articles of the *Westminster*, which sailed across the Atlantic. Their engagement was for a year, which they commenced on board the *Westminster* on 6th April, 1897.

They were to go with the ship to any part of the world from 60 degrees N. latitude to 60 degrees South latitude, and the Company had contracted to send the men back to Bombay, free passage in one of the Company's ships, with full pay until they arrived in Bombay, after they had taken the new vessel to Japan. Yesterday morning, the only reason they gave for refusing to go to sea was that they could not stand the cold weather. They also threatened that they would jump overboard and stay in Hongkong, forfeiting all their wages and effects. In that case they would be regarded as deserters from the ship.

The men had done nothing all day yesterday and to-day, and he wished his Worship to make an example of the prisoners. The first defendant had given him a lot of trouble. He was engaged originally as a seaman, but he had since been discharged owing to drunkenness. He got so drunk every time he went on shore that he was almost sure to sustain some accident, and at Glasgow he had to place him in the Eyo Hospital. The men had been running across the Atlantic before he engaged them, and they had sailed from Glasgow, which was further north than the latitude they were going to. They had received a sum of money when joining the ship, and ought to have provided clothing for the voyage. The first prisoner said as head of the lascars they had bothered him inquiring whether the captain was taking them to. He had gone to the Captain to get some money for the men and he refused to give it. He himself was quite willing to go to Japan; he had been three or four times there previously. The other men said they had no more clothing, and one stated that one day they asked one of the officers for some tobacco, and he came out with a revolver and threatened to shoot them. The men said if they could get clothing they could go to Japan. In reply to Mr. Woodhouse, Police Magistrate, as to whether any arrangements could be made for providing the men with clothing, the Captain said he was to give them forty men money to buy clothing, and allowed them on shore, they would never go back to the ship. The Captain stated an old clothes dealer from Taipingland would willingly go on board with a stock of clothing. The Magistrate thought some arrangements ought to be made so that the men might obtain warm clothing, and on receiving a promise from the men that they would go back to their ship, he allowed the clothes dealer to go on board during the remaining part of the day.

**REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.**

**(SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.)**  
LONDON, 9th January, 1898.  
**THE SUDAN EXPEDITION.**  
The Nile force is being hurriedly pushed to the front. The Lancashire Regiment started a week earlier from India than was arranged. The Army operations comprise 18,000 Egyptian troops, the Nile flotilla, three British battalions and more if necessary. General Sir H. H. Kitchener will be in chief command. The Dorsetshire continues massing at Shendi and Metemeh, and great activity prevails at Omdurman.

**THE FRENCH SQUADRON IN CHINA.**  
The French cruiser *Duguay Trouin* is ordered to China.

**THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.**  
There is a serious recrudescence of the plague in Bombay.

**WEATHER REPORT.**  
The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—  
On the 11th at 11.30 A. The barometer has fallen generally, particularly on the China Sea. The highest pressure has been over Central China, with slight gradients on the coast and moderate gradients in the China Sea. Forecast:—moderate N. and N.E. winds; fair.

**AMOY RACES.**

**FIRST DAY.**—Monday, January 10.  
The Amoy Races were postponed till yesterday on account of unfavourable weather. We are indebted to Mr. T. F. Hoogh for the following results:—  
**THE HAWK CUP.**  
Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3  
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Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3  
**THE ASSY STAKES.**  
Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3  
**THE RACE COURSE PLATE.**  
Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3

**SECOND DAY.**—Tuesday, January 11.  
**THE STEWARDS' CUP.**  
Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3  
**THE ASSY DEBUT.**  
Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3  
**THE CHALLENGE CUP.**  
Rite ... .. 1  
Ghorhka ... .. 2  
Kiochua ... .. 3

**SUPREME COURT.**

**IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.**  
(Before the Full Court.)  
Tuesday, January 11.

**THE CASE OF CHAMPEAUX.**

The appellants in this case were Pang Koon Chee and Wong Tuck Lam. The appeal was against a decision of Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, Police Magistrate.  
Mr. J. J. Francis, instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, appeared for Pang Koon Chee; Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. J. H. Hastings, appeared for Wong Tuck Lam. Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennis, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown.  
The Police Magistrate said:—In this case there are two appellants, and the question comes before the Court in two forms in each case. There is a case stated raising a question of law in respect of each appellant, and there is also notice to leave to the Court to hear in respect of each appellant. In regard to the case stated, my brother and I think the case must go back to the Magistrate to be stated more carefully and more correctly. It seems that the case has been filed in the Registry, but the facts in it are not correct. Before us is not a convenient and proper form. More care should be taken also in stating the facts of the two cases in accordance with one another. With regard to the question of notice for leave to appeal by way of rehearing, we could, of course, proceed on this, and if counsel wish it we will proceed with this, but I am inclined to think that the more convenient course would be that the questions of law should be taken first.  
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The Attorney-General—There is the main question as to whether the law of chemperty is in force in this Colony or not. If it is held that the law of chemperty is in force in this Colony it seems to me there is an end of it altogether. On the other hand, if it is held to be in force here it will be necessary to set out the application on the point of law more accurately on two separate cases. As regards these two cases, I had nothing to do with these cases; they were sent to me as they stand. I am quite prepared the arguments should take place.  
The Chief Justice said they would postpone the motion for leave to appeal by way of rehearing, and the Lordships wished it to be laid down as a rule of practice that a copy of the depositions of cases must be sent up for each of the judges.  
The Police Magistrate said he had got notices of motion in one case.

The Chief Justice said as soon as the case came back they would fix an early day for the case.  
Mr. Francis—May I take it that you are giving any directions or instructions for the amendment of the cases?  
The Chief Justice—We will send the case back to the Magistrate to have it stated correctly. The law should be more correctly stated.

A GERMAN named Polian threatened to shoot Mr. F. Schroeder, Editor of the *Southern World*, with a revolver, on the 29th December, at Yokohama, but was arrested and taken to the German Consulate.

Typhoid fever is very prevalent in Yokohama.

The *Yokohama Mail* shows that Japan should not allow the completion of her naval programme to depend on China's indemnity payments, but should at once borrow two hundred million yen (£20,000,000 sterling) in London, while it can be done with ease.

**HONGKONG POLO CLUB.**

**FAREWELL BANQUET TO THE 'PRINCE OF WALES' OWN.**

The members of this Club entertained the Polo playing members of the 14th West Yorkshire Regiment at a farewell dinner in the Hongkong Club a few evenings before their departure for Singapore. The Hon. T. H. Whitehead occupied the chair, and the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., the Vice-Chair, and amongst those present were: Col. Charles Steward Gordon, Major G. Grant Dalton, Captains Lush, Barry Drew, G. D. Price, and Messrs R. G. King, M. D. Wood, A. Spencer, and C. W. Gordon, Capt. Burney, R.A., Capt. Loveland, and Messrs D. Landale, C. C. Platt, and G. H. Potts, Messrs C. N. Buzzard and P. H. Cruickshank, R.A., C. M. H. Nugent, and A. Bannerman, R.E., and V. A. Lawford, R.N. The menu was:—

**SOUPE.**  
Cream and Asparagus. Muck Terrapin.  
**FISH.**  
Boiled & Cucumber. Fried & Shrimp Sauce.  
**ENTREES.**  
Roasted Turkey and Cauliflower Sauce.  
Boiled Ham. Roast Saddle of Lamb.  
Roast Bird. Roast Potatoes.  
Jugged Hare and Chestnuts.

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**HUNDRED MEN NEXT FOR DUTY.**

And with the hundred men next for duty the work was carried on so rapidly that the twenty had been sent to Singapore. The British have every reason to be proud of such gallantry, and in all branches of manly sport in Hongkong, including the noble game of Polo, at Cricket, at Football, at the Royal Game of Golf, in Steeplechasing, &c., the Regiments have been the mainstay in the various contests they have ever inspired the most healthy rivalry with fine sporting spirit. Col. Gordon has taken a deep interest in Polo, and so has the gallant Major Grant Dalton, who has been a substantial member of the Club throughout. Grant is a good Scotch name, and the genial Major possesses in an eminent degree the best qualities of the race that hail from north of the Tweed. He was in great frolic and played polo at the top of his best form when the Regiment defeated the Royal Hongkong Golf Club the other day. Mr. Wood has been simply invaluable, whether at Polo, at Cricket, at Golf, Steeplechasing or any other sport, and he is much to be regretted that he is leaving Hongkong to-day. Young Gordon makes a splendid opponent 'back at Polo, and his splendid play, coupled with Wood's sure and hard hitting, largely contributed to the Regiment's success. Regiments have been the mainstay in the various contests they have ever inspired the most healthy rivalry with fine sporting spirit. Col. Gordon has taken a deep interest in Polo, and so has the gallant Major Grant Dalton, who has been a substantial member of the Club throughout. Grant is a good Scotch name, and the genial Major possesses in an eminent degree the best qualities of the race that hail from north of the Tweed. He was in great frolic and played polo at the top of his best form when the Regiment defeated the Royal Hongkong Golf Club the other day. Mr. Wood has been simply invaluable, whether at Polo, at Cricket, at Golf, Steeplechasing or any other sport, and he is much to be regretted that he is leaving Hongkong to-day. Young Gordon makes a splendid opponent 'back at Polo, and his splendid play, coupled with Wood's sure and hard hitting, largely contributed to the Regiment's success. Regiments have been the mainstay in the various contests they have ever inspired the most healthy rivalry with fine sporting spirit. Col. Gordon has taken a deep interest in Polo, and so has the gallant Major Grant Dalton, who has been a substantial member of the Club throughout. Grant is a good Scotch name, and the genial Major possesses in an eminent degree the best qualities of the race that hail from north of the Tweed. He was in great frolic and played polo at the top of his best form when the Regiment defeated the Royal Hongkong Golf Club the other day. Mr. Wood has been simply invaluable, whether at Polo, at Cricket, at Golf, Steeplechasing or any other sport, and he is much to be regretted that he is leaving Hongkong to-day. Young Gordon makes a splendid opponent 'back at Polo, and his splendid play, coupled with Wood's sure and hard hitting, largely contributed to the Regiment's success.

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142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.  
143.—Fletcher & Co.  
144.—Gas Co., East Point.  
145.—Do. West Point.  
146.—Guapp & Co.  
147.—Gibb, Livingstone & Co.  
148.—Government House.  
149.—Gray, R. M., Residence.

150.—Hall, F. W., Residence.  
151.—Hancock, A., Residence.  
152.—Harbour Master.  
153.—Harting, Buschmann & Menzoll.  
154.—Harting, C., Residence.  
155.—Haskell, D., Residence.  
156.—Hermann, O., Residence.  
157.—Holliday, Wise & Co.  
158.—H. O. & M. S. Co., Office.  
159.—H. O. & M. S. Co., Wharf.  
160.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.  
161.—H. & S. Bank.  
162.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.  
163.—Hong